

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KEN (KIM) HANSEN**, on January 10, 2007
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 187, 1/5/2007
SB 188, 1/5/2007
Executive Action: SB 187, SB 188

HEARING ON SB 188

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:30 SEN. BILL TASH (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 188, Sheep experiment station water compact.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:29 Lorents Grosfield, Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission

EXHIBIT (ags06a01)

00:11:21 Faye Bergan, Chief Legal Council, Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission

EXHIBIT (ags06a02)

EXHIBIT (ags06a03)

EXHIBIT (ags06a04)

00:16:36 Gregory Lewis, United States Sheep Experiment Station, United States Department of Agriculture

EXHIBIT (ags06a05)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

00:20:52 Sen. Gerald Pease to Sen. Tash.

00:22:12 Sen. Frank Smith to Ms. Bergan

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:04 Sen. Tash closed the hearing on SB 188.

HEARING ON SB 187

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:44 SEN. KEITH BALES (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 187, Fort Keough reserved water rights compact.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:53 Jack Attig, Location Administrative Officer,
Agricultural Research Service, United States Department
of Agriculture

00:31:20 Lorents Grosfield, Reserved Water Rights Compact
Commission

00:31:49 Faye Bergan, Chief Legal Counsel, Reserved Water Rights
Compact Commission

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[EXHIBIT\(ags06a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags06a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags06a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags06a10\)](#)

00:43:33 Candace West, Attorney General's Office, Department of
Justice

00:44:29 Bob Lane, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Fish,
Wildlife, and Parks

[EXHIBIT\(ags06a11\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:01 Sen. Bales closed on SB 187.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 187

00:50:00

Motion/Vote: SEN. BALES moved that SB 187 DO PASS. Motion
carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen voted aye by
proxy. Sen. Brueggeman was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 188

00:50:20

Motion/Vote: SEN. BALES moved that SB 188 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen voted aye by proxy. Sen. Brueggeman was excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:50/ P.M.

SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([ags06aad.pdf](#))